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1. FOLLOWING ARE OUR THOUGHTS ON THE CIRCULAR CABLE TO CON-
SORTIUM CAPITALS.

THE PROPOSED APPROACH TO CONSORTIUM CAPITALS WOULD ACCOM-
PLISH FOUR THINGS:

A) SENSITIZE CONSORTIUM GOVERNMENTS TO THE GROWING IM-
PORTANCE OF THE PAK-AFGHAN AREA IN INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS
TRAFFICKING.

B) HIGHLIGHT THE NEED FOR ECONOMIC ALTERNATIVES TO POPPY
CULTIVATION, THROUGH DEVELOPMENT, AS A NECESSARY COROLLARY TO
IMPROVED ENFORCEMENT CAPABILITIES.

C) POINT OUT THE ADVANTAGES OF A MULTI-LATERAL
APPROACH TO THE PROBLEM.

D) OBTAIN SUPPORT FOR THE SUGGESTED STATEMENT IN
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2. PAKISTAN'S OPIUM PRODUCTION, ITS PROXIMITY TO IRAN AND
TURKEY AND THE LAZ GOVERNMENTAL ATTITUDES TOWARDS NARCOTICS
PRODUCTION MAKE PAKISTAN A VIABLE ALTERNATIVE TO MEXICO
AND THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE FOR OPIUM AND OPIUM PRODUCTS.
RECENT SEIZURES BY DEA OF SAMPLES OF HEROIN UNDERLINE THE

GROWNING THREAT POSED BY PAKISTANI NARCOTICS TO INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL EFFORTS.

3. EVEN IF ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS BECOME MORE EFFECTIVE, THE LACK OF REASONABLE ECONOMIC ALTERNATIVES TO POPPY CULTIVATION WOULD FORCE PRODUCERS TO BEAR THE RISK OF PROSECUTION RATHER THAN LOSE THEIR LUCRATIVE SOURCE OF INCOME.

4. NEITHER THE US NARCOTICS PROGRAM NOR THE UN FUND FOR DRUG ABUSE CONTROL (UNFDAC), HAS THE RESOURCES TO SUSTAIN THE DEVELOPMENT EFFORT NECESSARY TO PROVIDE ALTERNATIVES TO POPPY CULTIVATION.

5. THE CONSORTIUM, AS A MECHANISM FOR CHANNELING RESOURCES FOR DEVELOPMENT, SEEMS A LOGICAL VEHICLE FOR EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER THE DRUG PROBLEM IN PAKISTAN AND OFFERING SUPPORT FOR DEVELOPMENTAL ASSISTANCE AIMED AT INHIBITING POPPY CULTIVATION.

6. ADDITIONALLY, NEITHER WE NOR UNFDAC HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SUFFICIENTLY ENERGIZE THE GOP TO PLACE A VERY HIGH PRIORITY ON NARCOTICS CONTROL. THE CONSORTIUM OFFERS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE THAT IT PLACES A HIGH PRIORITY ON NARCOTICS CONTROL AND MAY ENCOURAGE PAKISTAN TO GIVE THE PROBLEM GREATER ATTENTION THAN IT HAS IN THE PAST.
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7. AS WE POINTED OUT IN REF C, THERE ARE REASONS TO BELIEVE THE GOP WOULD BE RECEIPTIVE TO THE IDEA OF DRAWING UP A COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE NWFP. WE WOULD LIKE THE CONSORTIUM TO AGREE TO THE DRAWING UP OF THE PLAN AND TO AGREE, IN PRINCIPLE, TO SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLAN IN THE CONTEXT OF CONSORTIUM MEMBERS DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN.

8. WE BELIEVE THE SUGGESTED STATEMENT IN REF B COVERS THESE POINTS. HUMMEL

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